



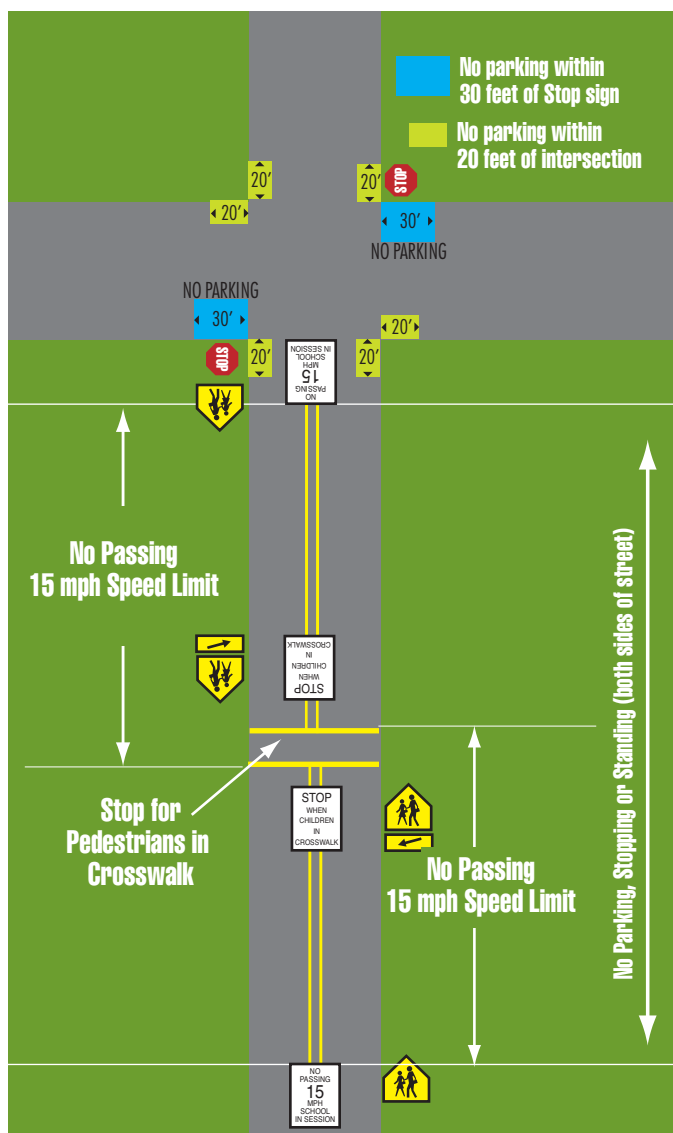
# School Crossing Zone Safety



Traffic Engineering

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The city of Scottsdale's Transportation and Police Departments are working together to improve safety for all the schools throughout the city. Our goal is to improve safety at designated school crossing locations which are used for elementary and middle school students. These efforts include both driver and pedestrian awareness which research shows will improve safety on our streets. The safety of pedestrians depends largely on improving your understanding of the traffic laws associated with school crossing zones.



## School Crossing Zones

The 15 mph speed zones are located only on streets where there is a designated school crossing and there is . . .

- a high volume of children that need to cross the street to get to their elementary or middle school
- there is not a stop sign or traffic signal to assist them.

Arizona State Law allows local cities to dedicate school crossings based upon requests from school districts. The cities evaluate the requests based on standards from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

## Know the Law

- **SPEEDING** — the speed limit is 15 mph as you approach a school crossing zone. You can be cited for going 16 mph. (ARS 28-797 and 701.02.A1)
- **PARKING** — You cannot park on either side of a school crosswalk. This ensures that the driver's view of pedestrians is not blocked. (ARS 28-873)
- **THE CROSSWALK** — Drivers are not allowed to enter a school crosswalk if there is a pedestrian in any part of the crosswalk. (ARS 28-797G and 28-644.A1)
- **PASSING** — You are not allowed to pass another vehicle in the school zone, even if you are going 15 mph. If another vehicle is traveling at a slower speed, you must slow down so you do not pass that vehicle in the school zone. (ARS 28-644.A1)
- **PARKING AT INTERSECTIONS** — You are not allowed to park within 30 feet of a stop sign or 20 feet of an intersection, whether there is a marked crosswalk or not. You also cannot park on a crosswalk or within a designated travel lane of a street. (ARS 28-873)



# School Area Traffic Safety



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### Traffic Safety in School Areas

The city of Scottsdale's Transportation and Police Departments are working together to improve traffic safety for your families at all schools throughout the city. Our goal is to improve safety at school locations. Please use this information to improve safety around our schools

#### Consider

- Walking or bicycling to school to improve your health and reduce traffic congestion
- Riding the bus to school if walking or bicycling is too far
- Carpool to reduce traffic congestion

The safety of pedestrians, near schools, depends largely on the drivers understanding of the traffic laws near schools.

Most schools provide a designated lane or driveway for picking up and dropping off students. Using the on-site driveway is a safe method since students do not have to cross the street to reach campus, and traffic is not interrupted by a stopped vehicle adjacent to the school.

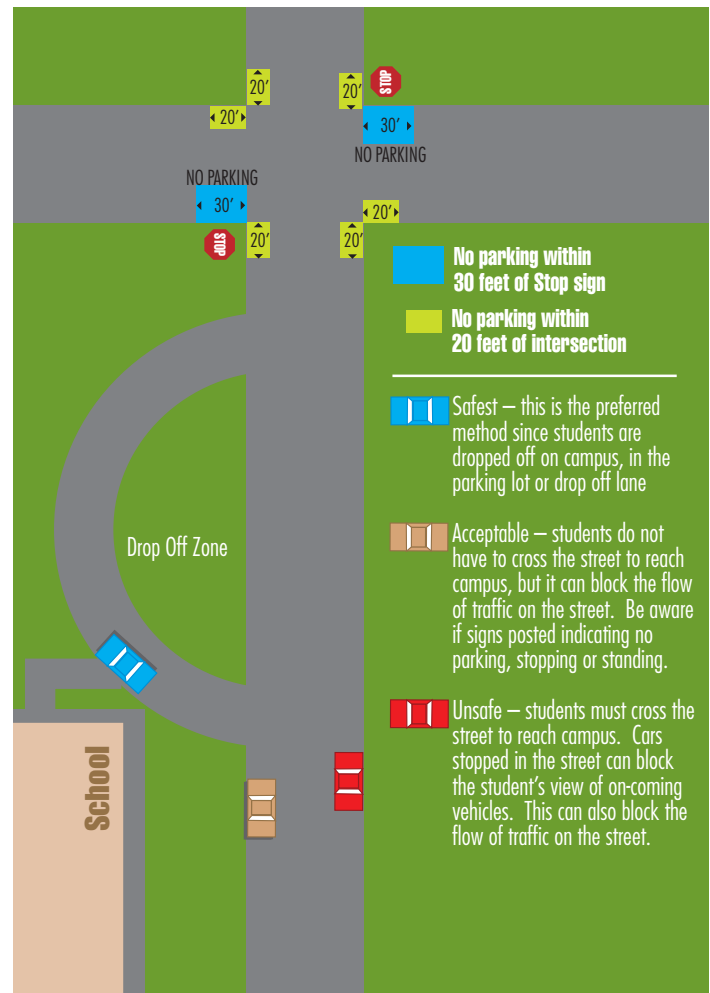
### Tips for Student Pick Up and Drop Off

- When using the drop off lane, stay in your vehicle. Getting out of your vehicle leads to delays for other drivers and adds to congestion and driver frustration.
- If you need to assist your child, please park in the school parking area, not in the drop off lane - even if it's only for a "few seconds."
- If the school does not have a drop off lane, the next option is to drop off and pick up students in the school parking lot or on the school side of the street if allowed.
- Dropping off or picking up students from the opposite side of the street can block the view of traffic for the student. It can also create congestion in the area and is less safe.

#### Know the Law

- All vehicles must yield to pedestrians (ARS 28-792 & 28-794)
- Blocking a travel lane on any city street is not allowed (ARS 28-873)
- Do not block an intersection or a driveway (ARS 28-873)
- You cannot park on a sidewalk or on a crosswalk (ARS 28-873)
- There is no parking within 30 feet of a stop sign (ARS 28-873)
- You cannot park within 20 feet of a crosswalk (ARS 28-873)

### Picking Up and Dropping Off Students



- There is no parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant (ARS 28-873)
- You must comply with all street signs and markings (ARS 28-644)
- You are not allowed to drop off or pick up students in school crossing zone (ARS 28-644)
- You are not allowed to park in a bicycle lane (ARS 28-815)
- You are not allowed to park within 30 feet of a stop sign or 20 feet of an intersection, whether there is a marked crosswalk or not. You also cannot park on a crosswalk or within a designated travel lane of a street.